



# Lake Park Villager

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## **CLERK'S CORNER**

Upcoming Lake Park town meetings:

**August 27** – 6:30 PM Economic Development  
Commission at 3825 Faith Church Rd

**September 8** – 7:00 PM Village Council Meeting

**September 17** – 6:30 PM Economic Development  
Commission at 3316 Faith Church Rd

**September 28** – 7:00 PM Parks and Recreation  
Commission Meeting

NOTE: The Village offices will be closed on September 7  
in observance of Labor Day.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

### **LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

SEPTEMBER 1, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)**

SEPTEMBER 2, 7:00 PM, 4601 ROCKY FALLS DRIVE

### **LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)**

SEPTEMBER 3, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK SAGES**

SEPTEMBER 11, 5:30 PM, PICNIC AT THE GAZEBO

### **LAKE PARK GARDEN CLUB**

SEPTEMBER 21, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK SINGLES (AGES 45+)**

OCTOBER 1, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **FALL YARD SALE**

OCTOBER 3, 7:00 AM

### **LAKE PARK HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION MEETING**

OCTOBER 6, 7:00 PM, COMMUNITY CENTER

### **LAKE PARK PLUS (INVESTMENT STUDY – MEMBER NAIC)**

OCTOBER 7, 7:00 PM, 5708 HOOVER STREET

### **LAKE PARK FALL FESTIVAL**

OCTOBER 10, 10:00 AM, TOWN CENTER GAZEBO

### **FAMILY FUN DAY**

NOVEMBER 7, 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM, TOWN CENTER

### **LAKE PARK POOLS HOURS**

MON. – SAT. 10 AM – 8 PM; SUN. NOON – 8 PM

## **Work to Begin on Lake**

### *Significant repairs to Lake Charles*

The Village Council approved a major excavation and renovation project at Lake Charles to begin in September. As part of their efforts to improve the ponds and common areas within Lake Park, the Parks and Recreation Commission recommended the project to alleviate the erosion along the shore line.

To ensure the safety of the public and to give the workers space and protection during the excavation, observers and people fishing at this pond are asked to allow the project to proceed safely by remaining outside the orange markers placed as a “no trespassing” area. To allow for a timely completion of the project, Council requests that all residents refrain from interrupting the work crews. The Council apologizes for the temporary inconvenience. However, the completed project will create a more stable shore line and new landscaping at Lake Charles this fall.

## **New Park Signs**

Recently, the Parks and Recreation Commission erected signs in the four larger parks in the village. These signs state “Park Closed Dusk to Dawn Unless Approved”. While village leaders have attempted to keep signage to a minimum in Lake Park, the Commission feels that action must be taken to decrease the damage caused by vandalism that has become so prevalent. The Lake Park curfew ordinance has been in effect for some time and the Lake Park deputies have the discretion to enforce this ordinance. If you have enjoyed an evening or early morning walk in the park in the past, continue to do so. Large groups of persons intent on writing on Lake Park property, breaking benches, causing a fire in our

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## Lake Park Village Government

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## For Your Information

### Economic Development Sponsors a Family Day

Mark your calendars: Saturday, November 7, will bring a 42-foot inflated obstacle course for the kids, and fun food to Creft Circle Town Center from 10am-2pm. Sharon Williams, owner of The Image Salon and Spa at 6200-A Creft is our Family Day event Chairperson.

Admission is free and all Lake Park residents are invited to come. Friends, neighbors, children and teens are welcome to come and rediscover the activities and new services of the businesses, churches, and schools right here in our Village. Make it a “no-cooking” day: food may be purchased at Li’s Chinese Café and the Fun Foods catering van. Lake Park’s Chili Cook-off follows at 5pm for \$1 per person. All schools, churches and businesses are welcome to bring a display, offer brochures and business cards. Favors or activities unique to your organization may be presented to help our residents learn what you offer. Call Sharon for set up information at (704) 882-3035.

### Tax Notices to be Mailed

Tax notices will be mailed to all homeowners who do not have their taxes held in escrow by their mortgage company. If you have any questions about your tax bill (especially for recent home purchases) contact the town clerk at (704) 882-VOLP.

trees or generally causing damage and wasting taxpayer funds will not be tolerated. Council has spent thousands of taxpayer dollars in the last year alone to repair damage from vandalism and to clean graffiti from the parks.

## Union County Governance

### At-Large or District Representation

Though a County referendum proposing district representation failed to pass on the 2006 ballot, the issue, at-large vs. district commissioners, is alive and well. In May 2009 the Union County Board of Commissioners established a Union County Governance Committee (UCGC) to re-study the governance format and propose a possible referendum to the County Board for the 2010 election. The Board called for 21 volunteers to represent all incorporated municipalities and unincorporated rural areas in the County on the UCGC. Lake ParkVillage Council appointed Council Member Sandy Coughlin. The Committee began monthly public meetings in May to discuss their research and the governance format concerns of county residents. The Committee is now considering the current county board format (five elected Commissioners which are elected at large) and comparing that format to options of seven or nine commissioners, 3 or 4 of whom would be elected by district, and 4 or 5 elected at-large.

Sandy Coughlin, Lake Park’s representative on the UCGC, requests your comments in person or at (704) 882-9692 or [sandy.coughlin@lakeparkknc.gov](mailto:sandy.coughlin@lakeparkknc.gov) on this issue. UCGC meets on the 4th Wednesday at 6:30 pm in the Union County Government Building in Monroe and its meetings are open to the public.

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*During fall spruce up of your yard, trim shrubs to prevent overgrowth, especially where they could obstruct drivers. Trimming plantings on private property is each homeowner's responsibility.*

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## Prevent Stormwater Pollution

- Use Fertilizers sparingly and sweep up driveways.
- Never dump anything down storm drains
- Plant in any bare spots in your yard
- Compost yard waste
- Use least toxic pesticides, follow labels and learn how to prevent pest problems
- Direct downspouts away from paved surfaces
- Check your car for leaks and recycle motor oil